BOX AF RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **EXAMINING GROUP 3700**

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Applicant:

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Attorney Docket No. WEYE115634

Application No.: 09/620,953

Group Art Unit: 3761

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Title:

ABSORBENT ARTICLE UNITARY STRATIFIED COMPOSITE

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

September 5, 2002

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Amendment Transmittal Α.

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate	A	Additional Fee	
Total Claims	28	Minus	67	=	0	x	18	=	0.00	
Independent Claims	5	Minus	12	=	0	х	84	=	0.00	
Total Additional Fee									\$0.00	

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B. Request for Extension of Time

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated April 18, 2002, set to expire on July 18, 2002, be extended by two months to expire on September 18, 2002.

C. Fees Enclosed

Enclosed is our Check No. <u>141737</u> in the amount of \$920 to cover the 2-month extension fee.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO AFTER FINAL REJECTION TO ADVISORY ACTION

Seattle, Washington 98101 September 5, 2002

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In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 11-45, 36-40, and 57-59.

REMARKS

Claims 11-25, 36-50, and 57-67 are pending. Claims 16-25, 41-50, and 60-67 have been allowed. Claims 11-15, 36-40, and 57-59 stand rejected. Claims 11-15, 36-40, and 57-59 have been canceled.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance. If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' attorney at 206.695.1755.

Respectfully submitted,

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